REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are patentable over the cited art.

Claims 1-18 are not anticipated by Johnstone, since Johnstone does not have a case having at least one cover movable between closed and open positions.

In contrast thereto, Johnstone has a utility unit 50 with a fixed door panel 60 which is removably secured to the doorway of a van by clamping means 80 shown in FIGS. 2-4. There is no movable cover in Johnstone, and the fixed door panel 60 does not move to cover or expose the functional components such as a stove 71, a furnace 72, and refrigerator 73, etc.

From the interior view of FIG. 2, functional components such as a stove 71, a furnace 72, and refrigerator 73, etc. are always exposed, unlike the claimed invention which has functional components hidden and exposed, respectively when the movable cover is moved from the closed position to the open position.

In addition, Johnstone also does not have a movable cover with a closed position being for compact containment of a plurality of functional food preparation and storage devices supported within the case and entirely hidden by the at least one cover in the closed position, as in the claimed invention.

In contrast thereto, the unit 50 and its functional components such as a stove 71, a furnace 72, and refrigerator 73, etc. have a fixed, exposed, and non-compact configuration within the interior of the van. There is no possible way for the unit 50 in Johnstone to have

a compact configuration by movement of any cover or of a façade such as door panel 60, since the functional components are fixed in place on the unit 50.

Johnstone also does not have a movable cover with an open position exposing the plurality of functional food preparation and storage devices for use, as in the claimed invention, since the functional components such as a stove 71, a furnace 72, and refrigerator 73, etc. are always exposed, regardless of any movement of any cover or of door panel 60.

None of the other cited art of record cures the deficiencies of Johnstone, since Lieb discloses an entire non-portable kitchen in a house with functional devices such as a stove, a refrigerator, etc. each separate and not positioned in any case with a movable cover, as in the claimed invention. Accordingly, Lieb also does not have the functional devices in a compact containment when a cover is in a closed position, as in the claimed invention. Lieb further has all of the functional devices exposed, regardless of any movement of a movable cover from a closed position to an open position.

Markus has a movable cover 35 which exposes functional devices such as a toaster or a bottle warmer when the cover 35 is moved from a closed position to an open position. However, the movable cover 35 merely covers openings in such functional devices to insert bread or a bottle. The movable cover 35 does not extend at least one functional device from the compact containment, as in the claimed invention, since none of the functional devices of Markus is mounted to the cover 35. In contrast thereto, the functional devices in Markus are fixed within the body of the food preparation system.

Reed has no case holding functional devices, and no movable cover of such a case, but instead uses the tailgate of an automobile to cover the functional devices within a unit positioned in the rear of the automobile. Furthermore, opening the tailgate of Reed does not extend any of the functional devices from a compact containment within a case.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance and are neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, considered individually or in combination, in whole or in part.

Reconsideration of the claims of the present application as amended herein is respectfully requested. Allowance is respectfully requested.

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